

**Title 20-A: EDUCATION**  
**Chapter 227: CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS**

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**§6951. CENTER ESTABLISHMENT**

**1. Center established.** The Center of Excellence for At-risk Students is established.

[ 2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "At-risk student" means an elementary student or secondary student who is at risk of failing or dropping out of a regular public school program. [2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .]

B. "Center" means the Center of Excellence for At-risk Students established in subsection 1. [2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .]

[ 2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .]

**3. Center requirements.** The center shall provide a comprehensive residential and nonresidential program for educating at-risk students. The center shall also provide information and resources for other schools serving at-risk students. The center may be administered by a private, nonprofit charitable corporation with a public purpose that meets the requirements of section 2951. The commissioner may grant a waiver from any requirements of sections 2901, 2902 and 2951 that the commissioner determines appropriate in consideration of the special characteristics of the center.

[ 2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .

**§6952. CENTER CRITERIA**

To qualify for support, approval and funding under this chapter, the center must provide services to at-risk students who are or have been enrolled in one or more of grades 7 to 12. The admission of an at-risk student to the center is subject to approval by the center based upon criteria of the center approved by the commissioner. The center shall provide residential and nonresidential instruction that is approved pursuant to section 6951 and designed to effect positive, sustainable change in the lives of at-risk students through comprehensive on-site education services in 4 major areas, including high-quality scholastic, career and technical and behavioral health education; training and support for families of students; training and support for public school teachers in dealing with students who are at risk of failing or dropping out of school; and providing an environment conducive to research aiding the improvement of education for at-risk students. [2011, c. 679, §4 (AMD) .]

The center shall collaborate with the department, public school administrators and other public and private organizations with an interest in the support and education of at-risk students. [2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) . 2011, c. 679, §4 (AMD) .

## §6953. TRANSFERS

Students in school administrative units may be transferred to and become students of the center by agreement between the school administrative unit responsible for the student and the chief executive officer of the corporation administering the center. [ 2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) . ]

### SECTION HISTORY

2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .

## §6954. RULES

The department may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. [ 2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) . ]

### SECTION HISTORY

2009, c. 296, §1 (NEW) .

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